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Applicants	Jean Charles Le Huec, <i>et al.</i>
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Title of Application:	Medical Instrument And Method For Creating A Cavity For Endoscopic Intervention
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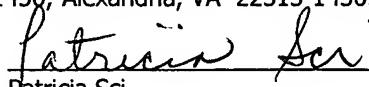
**Preliminary Amendment**

In response to the Official Action of October 20, 2004, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment, along with a Request for Continuing Examination.

Applicant has paid the fee in connection with the filing of this a Request for Continuing Examination, however, if any additional fee is due please charge the Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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